

WEST ILSLEY NEWS

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WEB WATCH

Ilsley Home page - Slow month indeed - No new messages posted. No one taking the opportunity to comment on village matters, local suppliers or even the weather. Do pick up that mouse and have your say. If a "critical mass" of contributors can be won then many community type benefits will be on offer for all.

Three other sites to mention this month:-

<http://www.number-10.gov.uk/>

10 Downing Street has launched a completely new site with plenty of news and an excellent children's section. Lots of people stories are on offer - real human-interest stuff. Let down a little as it lacks a good thread system to make it easy to follow a discussion.

<http://www.hampsterdance.com/>

Still giving the kids a good laugh after at least three years (my guess).

<http://www.british-airways.com/londoneye>

360-degree view from the top of the wheel. Some great content but nothing, surprisingly, on construction - and no, you can't book online.

Ilsley Webmaster

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WEST ILSLEY FETE 2000

The date for your diaries - Sunday 16th July 2000

This is the first monthly bulletin regarding our 2000 Village Fete. The 2000 Fete Committee are:-

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Stall Ideas include: -

Mr Wiggy, Snake Man & Spiders, Fun Dog Show, Children's Fancy Dress, Football Masterclass/Goal Shooting, Art Show and Children's Races.

Help needed for: -

Tug-o-War, Face Painting, Balloon Throwing, Treasure Hunt and Kids Activity Toys

Would also like: -

Donations for the Bookstall and Plant Stall.

Some generous residents to put up Prizes.

This month's reminders!

Pre-show dance - Saturday 15th July

This year the pre-show dance is being organised by the Ilsley Under5's. Details about ticket prices, outlets and the event itself will follow soon.

Best kept garden competition.

Chilton Garden Centre is looking to help this year. More details later.

Plant Stall.

Please don't forget the very successful plant stall when you start filling up your seed trays and taking cuttings. Your contributions will be warmly received. Please direct any enquiries regarding the plant stall to a Committee Member.

Art Show.

Wouldn't it be great if we could have an Art Show again? Alison will be pleased to hear from you if you can help or have ideas.

Produce Show.

The Competition Classes in this year's produce show are currently being considered. Details to be published next month. Karen will be happy to hear from you about the Product Show.

Sponsorship.

Sponsor's can gain many awareness and publicity benefits in return for a donation of prize worthy goods/services and money (of course). Please contact Tracey with any offers of help and ideas.

Please contact a Committee Member with any offers of assistance.

The 2000 Fete Committee

VILLAGE HALL PONTOON

The winners of the last three pontoons have been as follows:

J Allen (Celtic) £21

P Bartaby (Newcastle) £21

T Barnes (Forfar) £21

Booby prizes of £1.50 each went to:

A Atkins (Crystal Palace)

V Carlisle (Derby)

D Bishop (Leicester)

J Stead (Portsmouth)

N Brand (Brentford) £6

J Steptoe (Carlisle) and R Waters (Oxford) won £3 each.

A total of £97.50 went to village hall funds.

Audrey Tizzard

POLICE BULLETIN

As from about the beginning of April 2000 the Compton Beat, which includes East and West Ilsley, Hampstead Norreys, Aldworth, Yattendon, Frisham, Catmore, Bothampstead, Eling, will no longer exist as a separate entity. They will become part of a large rural section that will be split into two further sections based at Pangbourne and Hungerford. There will be no individual officer

that will be your police officer but a team of four with the whole area responsibility. No one knows the boundary yet but the B4009 or the A34 are the main contenders. More news as and when I know it. It's been nice knowing you!

There is now only one Land Rover on the division based at Hungerford. The others have been returned to HQ's as the division commander and his team have to streamline their budget. Apparently it costs the division £650 per month to hire a Land Rover from Thames Valley Police Headquarters as opposed to £450 for a Vauxhall Astra. I am therefore not allowed to go off road in my police Astra or go through puddles "which appear to be deeper than two inches". I have a tape measure! Therefore the likelihood of a response to farmers and gamekeepers with trouble off the highway in any reasonable time is slim. Please act accordingly and do not put yourself into a position that could lead to personal injury.

As part of the millennium exhibition at Compton I am doing a project on the local police history. If anyone has any old/new photos or literature which I will copy and return, will they please contact me on 07970 145293. I have a copy of the East Ilsley pictorial history. Anything at all! Including dates and police officers that used to be stationed in the area. Thank you.

PC Dave Morris

SHORT PERSON RUNS LONG WAY

The sight of people walking unsteadily and falling over has not been seen in the village since the New Years Eve celebrations. However, on April 16th this vision will be with us once more when Carole Driver from Calendar House returns from the London Marathon. Carole is raising money for "Get Kids Going", an organisation that undertakes the admirable task of providing mobility equipment for disabled children. You may have seen Carole training around the village. She often looks red in the face and distinctly out of breath. Nevertheless, training continues in earnest now that the big day approaches. "Get Kids Going" requires Carole to raise a substantial sum for entry. So please, any contributions to sponsorship would not only go to a worthy cause but also ensure that Carole's red face will remain for some time yet. Contrary to any rumours, neither Andy nor Shandy (the dog) are running the marathon. They hope to be watching from the cosy atmosphere of a London pub. Please contact Carole to offer sponsorship at: Calendar House (along the bridleway by the side of the pub)
By telephone or fax on 01635 281269, email at carolecdc@hotmail.com or by mobile on 07970 801455.

EVERGREENS

The AGM will be held on Monday 6th March at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Come and bring your ideas for the coming year. New members welcome.

Anne Carlisle

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Church Services for March 2000:-

5th March: - 11.00 am

All Age Service

12th March: - 8.00 am

Holy Communion (BCP)

19th March: - 9.30 am

Family Communion

Quiz Night – 10th March

It's not too late (just!) to get your teams of four together. A quiz night for fund-raising for the church will be held in the village hall, starting at 7.30 pm. There will be a bar and a lot of fun for the evening. If you are very quick, we can also take late orders for ploughman's suppers at £3.00 per head, but please don't leave it to the very last minute! Entry fee £5.00 per team – please contact me on 281625 or Jan Sheppard on 281345.

Electoral Roll

The electoral roll (members of the church who are entitled to vote) is due for revision this year. There is a notice on the church notice board and anyone wishing to be on the list should contact me.

APCM – 29th March

Do please come to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and make your views known. The church is an integral part of village life but needs more than just financial support. Without full support from the village, the church will dwindle and could disappear. The meeting will be held in the church at 8.00 pm.

Good Friday Walk – 21st April

On Good Friday, there will be a walk joining the four parishes, the first church being Peasemore followed by Beedon, West Ilsley and Farnborough. The intention is to finish at 2.00 pm for a service at Farnborough. There is only a very short length of road walking out of the 10-11 miles and it is generally fairly flat. The walk will start at Peasemore at 9.00 am (although a hardened core of purists will be completing the circle by starting at Farnborough) but the intention is that it can be joined anywhere along the route to suit individuals. There will be a lunch stop at the village hall in West Ilsley.

Ian Fewtrell-Smith

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP?

As treasurer for All Saints, West Ilsley for the past three years, I am aware of all those villagers who contribute in so many ways to the upkeep of the church and churchyard. If a church could exist on love and attention only, All Saints would indeed be rich. Unfortunately, old buildings need quite large amounts of money to keep them safe and useable, whether for regular weekly services or occasional baptisms, weddings and funerals. We also have to pay a sizeable sum to the diocese, which in effect pays towards our Rector. After all, a church building has limited use for a community without the ministrations of a full-time priest.

Several people in the village already give financial support on a regular basis and I am sure there are others who would like to do so but may not know how to go about it. Standing orders are the most convenient method of regularly contributing and for those who pay tax, a covenant form paid by bankers order enables us to reclaim the tax. Please let me know if you would like details (281625). Alternatively, money can be placed in the wall safe just inside the church door.

If you want to see the full extent of the church finances, there will be a report at the APCM on Wednesday 29 March at 8pm in the church.

Kay Fewtrell-Smith

PRAM SERVICE, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The theme for the February service was stormy Weather; the children heard a bible story featuring an upturned umbrella and three teddies as Jesus and his disciples in their boat. The next service will be on Tuesday 14th March at 11.00 am. The services are for 0-5 year olds and last for half an hour, followed by refreshments for the children. We have lots of songs and instruments to play and a short story.

Liz Dray - (281704)